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Confessions: Saturday, 11:00 -11.30am Sunday Mass Times: 8.45 am, 10.15 am, 6.30pm

Parish Life

TODAY Prayer Ministry. We invite you to come up after the 10:15am Mass for prayer with members of St Edmund's Prayer Ministry team. Give your hurts and burdens to Jesus, He cares for you.

CAFOD Harvest Fast Day is on Friday 6th October. Envelopes will be give out at each Mass today. Please return them as you enter church on Sunday 8th so that they can be bought up to the altar in the Offertory procession.

HELP FOR MEXICO on 15th of October, after the 10:15 mass, please join us at the Parish Centre for **CAKE SALE - COFFEE MORNING - RAFFLE** to raise funds for Mexico after the earthquake that shocked the country. Any questions please don't hesitate to contact Sandra or Alex (parish office). Gracias!

Church Twinning – a visit from Argentan in November: A group of about 15 people from the churches in our French twin town of Argentan in Normandy is looking forward to visiting Abingdon and meeting us over the weekend of Thurs 2nd - Mon 6th Nov. If you are interested in hosting, offering a meal, or spending time with the visitors, please contact Anne Dodd 525997 or Angela Waterhouse (parish office).

Faith Development

Creative Ministry Retreat at Cold Ash Centre, 20th - 22nd October. The weekend is primarily for 13-18 year olds, and costs £100 to attend. It's ideally suited to teenagers who are learning an instrument, love singing, and/or bury themselves in artwork! Funding support may be obtained through Living Our Faith or contacting Tom Sellars on 01329 318869 (ext 222). Or please see poster for details.

'Life Through Reflection' Donie Kearney now has a weekly 'Blog' please visit doniekearney.wordpress.com

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 1 October

8.45am	Mass	Teresa Harrold RIP
10.15am	Mass	
4.30pm	Polish Mass	
6.30pm	Mass	Gayle Belcher RIP

Monday 2 October The Holy Guardian Angels

8.30am	Rosary
9am	Mass

Tuesday 3 October

8.30am	Rosary
9am	Mass

Wednesday 4 October St Francis of Assisi

6.30pm	Rosary	
7pm	Mass	Esther Gammell Intentions

Thursday 5 October

9am	Rosary	
9.30am	Mass	Simon Sayce RIP

Friday 6 October

6.30pm	Rosary	
7pm	Mass	Gayle Belcher RIP

Saturday 7 October

10.15am	Mothers Prayers	
11am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
11-11.30am	Confessions	
12 noon	Mass	In Thanksgiving for Fr. Pip

Coming soon - JESUS and the JEWISH ROOTS of the EUCHARIST - unlocking the secrets of the Last Supper. Saturday Nov 4th & Nov 11th, 2pm – 3:45pm in the Parish Centre. Two videos by Catholic bible scholar Brant Pitre examining the Eucharist from a Jewish perspective and shedding new light on the Last Supper. **Sat Nov 4th:** The Manna, The Passover & the Bread of

the Presence **Sat Nov 11th:** When did Jesus drink the 4th cup of the Passover? Free study guides. All welcome! Refreshments provided. For more information contact Mike or Maria (parish office).

Saturday 18th November Fruitful Discipleship in our Diocese, Winchester Parish Centre, 9.30am – 5pm This is for everyone in the diocese who would like to know and serve the Lord more deeply, and move towards being an active disciple. Being with each other in community, both in the parish and diocese, helps us greatly on this journey. Bishop Philip will be hosting the day and giving a talk at the beginning and the end. There will be talks by Katherine Coolidge (global head of Called and Gifted) on Fruitful Discipleship and developing a personal relationship with the Lord. We will have a number of testimonies from parishioners and from parishes around the diocese and we will hear from a number of active groups and teams who are doing wonderful work in serving others.

Sunday 19th November, Kerygma Retreat, Winchester Parish Centre, 12noon-6pm. This is a day that allows you to see, hear and respond to the story that Pope Francis reminds us we must hear and respond to “over and over” – the kerygma, the Great Story of Jesus. This is a reflective day, utilising the spoken word, art, quiet reflection and discussion. A fantastic chance to spend Sunday, the day of rest, with the Lord in a deep way.

Monday 20th November Training on sharing our faith with others in our everyday life and through the parish At St. Bede's Basingstoke, 9.30am – 5pm. This is a day for those who would like to be trained in how to have conversations with those who are not yet active Catholics. It will help you share your own story and Jesus's story with others, such as your family, friends, workplace, people who come to the parish. The training is simple, straightforward, doesn't expect you to have any particular background, but be a person who wants to share your faith with others. This day will also talk about how to run the Kerygma Retreat in your parish, if you wish to do that. This day is obviously very suited for members of a wide range of parish groups. For more information please email Clare Simpson Team Leader Called and Gifted at csimpson@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Live Simply Prayer

Compassionate and Loving God You created the world for all to share a world of beauty and plenty. Create in us a desire to live Simply, so that our lives may reflect your generosity. Creator God you gave us responsibility for the earth, a world of riches and delight. Create in us a desire to live Sustainably, so that those who follow after us may enjoy the fruits of your creation. God of Peace and Justice, you give us the capacity to change, to bring about a world that mirrors your wisdom. Create in us a desire to act in Solidarity, so that the pillars of injustice crumble and those now crushed are set free. Amen

Parish Events for the Week

TODAY Refreshments after 10.15am Mass

Monday Bereaved Coffee Morning 10.30am-12noon

Tuesday RCIA (Session 3) 7.30pm

Wednesday Cake & Conversation 9.30-11am

Thursday Scripture Group

Friday Baby & Toddler Group 9.30-11.15am

N.B. All take place in the Parish Centre unless specified

Future Diary Dates

11th October Parish Lunch 12.30pm

14th October Diocesan Day for Catechists 10am-4pm, Portsmouth Cathedral

29th October International Evening & Cake and Conversation 10th Birthday Celebration, 7.30pm, Parish Centre

5th November Parish AGM 7.30pm, Parish Centre

Youth Events

Saturday 7th October Pastoral Area Fun Day on from 2-5:30pm (Youth Mass from 5pm).

Further info please contact Melanie Parris- Dollar tipayouth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Antiphons for Year I Week XXVI Ordinary Time

EA: All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.
 CA: Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me hope.
 This is my comfort when I am brought low.

Money Matters: 24th September 2017
 Envelopes £ 374.04 Loose Plate £668.46 Many thanks

Counters: L. Cribben, M. Haddock, T. & I. Kinsella
Cleaners: M. Kelly